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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 8673

1. AFTER SERIOUSLY WEIGHING SITUATION, EMBASSY HAS CONCLUDED THAT APPROACH TO GURC ON PRG PARTICIPATION ISSUE WOULD BE AT BEST FRUITLESS AND AT WORST COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HAVE THEREFORE REFRAINED FROM MAKING DEMARCHE SUGGESTED REFTEL.

2. OUR DECISION BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

(A) DESPITE FACTS OF SITUATION AND US POSITION AS PRESENTED REFTEL, CAMEROON RECOGNIZES PRG ON EQUAL JURIDICAL BASIS WITH GVN.

(B) CAMEROON VOTED IN FAVOR OF INVITATION TO PRG AT FIRST SESSION OF LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE.

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(C) GURC'S CONSIDERED POSITION ON ANY PROCEDURAL HASSLE WILL INEVITABLY BE INFLUENCED TO DETERMINING DEGREE BY ITS STAND ON UNDERLYING SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE RATHER THAN PURE LEGALISTIC ANALYSIS OF RULES OF PROCEDURE.

(D) ANY INSTRUCTION ISSUED TO CAMDEL UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR POSITION ON PRG ISSUE. THE MORE WE DETAIL THE SCENARIO TO GURC FONMIN AND THUS SENSITIZE IT TO THIS ISSUE, THE MORE LIUALY WILL FULLY EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED TO CAMDEL TO SUPPORT PRG BEING SEATED ON EQUAL BASIS WITH GVN. SUCH INSTRUCTIONS MIGHT SPECIFY VOTING ON PROCEDURAL QUESTION IN MANNER DESIGNED TO PROMOTE THAT BASIC AIM.

(E) THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY -- ADMITTEDLY REMOTE--THAT A NOT RPT NOT CAREFULLY INSTRUCTED DELEGATE MIGHT VOTE MORE TO OUR LIKING, I.E., AT LEAST ABSTAIN ON A POSSIBLE VOTE ON PROCEDURE, IF NOT ON THE INVITATION ISSUE ITSELF.

3. THEREFORE, CONCLUSION IS: "NO RPT NO DEMARCHE."
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